

## MEDICAL AND SURGICAL NOTES.

**FRENCH PHARMACY.**—The *Journal de Pharmacie* states that Prof. Guibert, at a recent meeting of the French Academy of Medicine, exhibited specimens of wadding prepared by saturating it with a certain quantity of glycerine, which he had found to render it permeable to all medicinal liquids without causing it to lose any of its adhesive properties. He suggested that such a state might prove a useful substitute for paraffin, in the event of a scarcity of that article. Dr. Desvabards has already employed it with great success, advantage in dressings, &c. In order to prepare this article, it is only necessary to pour a small quantity of glycerine over the square sheet of wadding, and afterward express it as thoroughly as possible by ordinary means of pressure.

**BISULPHITE OF SODA IN THROAT DISEASES.**—Dr. Tyrell, in the *Pacific Medical Journal*, commends as a new remedy in this class of affections, bisulphite of soda, given in large and continuous doses. Diphteria, inflammation of the tonsils, and quinsy, though local exhibitions, have their source in poisonous fermentations of the blood, the same as scarlet fever and other diseases. It is held that salt prepared waters enter into the circulation, and are fit for entation. Dr. T. failed of success when he administered it in small doses and in three-hour intervals, but when he gave 30 grains doses every hour, day and night, so as to saturate the system with the salt, he was almost entirely successful in removing all the severe symptoms in 24 hours.

**PULVERIZED SOLID COD LIVER OIL.**—The difficulty of overcoming the nauseating qualities of cod liver oil has attracted the attention of many pharmacists, among others of M. Tissier, who has lately published the results of his experiments. He takes of white gelatin four parts, 25 parts of distilled water, the same of simple syrup, and 50 parts of refined powdered sugar. The gelatin is heated in a water bath, with the water and syrup till dissolved, the cod liver oil and sugar being mixed in a mortar; the two compounds are then stirred together, and the stirring continued until the mass is well compacted. This gives a smooth, glutinous mass, and powdered sugar is then folded into a firm paste is made, which after being cut into small pieces, is left to become soft, and to be easily granulated. The second addition of powdered sugar will bring the quantity up to 250 parts, of which 20 per cent will be cod liver oil. It is to be kept in a tightly stoppered bottle.

**WARM BATH IN INSANITY AND IN BURNS.**—Dr. Wilkins, in his official report to the California Legislature, on insanity, refers to the warm bath as a favorite method of treatment in Italy, and in some parts of Holland and France. He states that he often saw a dozen patients in the bath-room, with their heads alone in sight, the bathing tub being covered, except a hole for the head; there they usually remain from one to three hours. In some instances six to eight hours, and occasionally for days at a time. Dr. Guidoni of Zurich kept a man thus immersed for five days, according to a high authority, completely connected with bed-sheets. The patient is represented to have slept well in a portion of the time, and to have been cured of the sores, no exanthem or ill consequences following. The case is also related of a man treated by steam, in the same manner, who recovered. He was in a bad state and kept it up for three weeks, until a new cuticle had formed over the entire surface; the water was kept at an agreeable temperature, and the patient recovered without inconvenience.

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